

AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE UNTIL JUNE 20, 2012 ZONING & BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR WORK THAT IS REQUIRED TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES CAUSED BY THE SPRING 2011 FLOODS FOR PROPERTIES AT OR BELOW 102 FEET

WHEREAS, recent flooding along Lake Champlain has affected numerous Burlington residents, their homes and properties, and forced many individuals to leave their homes; and

WHEREAS, those most affected have been in lakeshore areas at or below the base flood elevation (101.97 feet); and

WHEREAS, as lake waters recede, many of those affected have turned to addressing substantial damage to their homes or businesses so they are able to return; and

WHEREAS, many of these property owners face substantial financial challenges due to the flooding, including but not limited to assessing and cleaning up damage, procurement of new building materials, and hiring of contractors; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning and Zoning Department and Department of Public Works are authorized and directed to waive all permit fees for work that is required to repair damage to structures caused by the spring 2011 floods for all properties at or below 102 feet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning and Zoning Department and Department of Public Works shall jointly develop criteria and any necessary forms to determine eligibility for this waiver of fees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning and Zoning Department shall develop a map indicating the areas of the City falling at or below 102 feet to be posted at City Hall with information about the availability of this fee waiver ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the waiver of permit fees shall extend to June 30, 2012, after which it will expire.